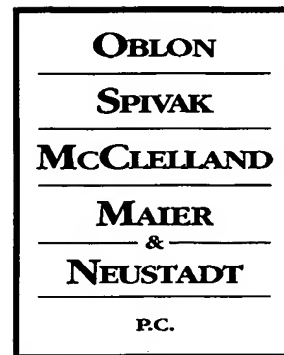




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/699,676
Applicants: Takashi YAMADA et al
Filing Date: November 4, 2003
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF
Group Art Unit: 2811
Examiner: NGUYEN, C.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the election requirement dated December 3, 2004, Applicants elect Embodiment I, identified in the outstanding Official Action as corresponding to Figures 1 to 15 for further examination on the merits. Applicants identify Claims 1-3 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-3 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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